

Spring 2014 Quarter

Maryland Planning Directors' Roundtable

Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Conference Room A-B

100 Community Place, Crownsville

AGENDA

On-site registration and sign-in from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to arrive early.

Brief Welcome & Introduction

Rich Josephson, AICP – Director, MDP Planning Services

Preserving our Resources In Town, Out of Town and Beyond

Donated Easements: What, where, how and who benefits / *Ryan Walker, Ann Gutierrez Carlson and, Megan Benjamin, Easement Program Planners, Maryland Environmental Trust.* – MET is the statewide land trust and one of the most successful of its kind in the nation with more than 130,000 acres under permanent protection since its inception in 1967. The ABCs of conservation easements will be discussed as well as the impact of measures being considered by the Maryland General Assembly.

Chesapeake Bay Large Landscape Conservation / *Charles E “Chuck” Hunt, Superintendent, Chesapeake Bay Program office, National Park Service* - Mr. Hunt discusses the partnership between the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay office and the Chesapeake Conservancy, who work to preserve historic and cultural land and waterscapes, farms and natural resources throughout the Bay watershed.

NeighborSpace of Baltimore County / *Barbara Hopkins, J.D., ASLA, Executive Director* – Ms. Hopkins presents a local perspective on how this NGO helps to create more livable communities among Baltimore County's densely populated inner suburbs by acquiring land for community open space.

Legislative Updates

Jenn Aiosa, MDP's Director of Policy and Research - Jenn will provide a brief overview of Legislative activity of bills that affect planning and environmental policy in the 2014 Session.

Elizabeth Hughes, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, Maryland Historical Trust – Elizabeth will drill into some of the likely changes to Maryland's estate tax laws affecting conservation gifts.

State Planning Updates & Planning Director Announcements

Richard E. Hall, AICP – Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning

Secretary's update and report of state initiatives; other announcements from around the state

Roundtable ends at 12:00 p.m.